



State of Connecticut

SENATOR LEONARD A. FASANO

SENATE MINORITY LEADER

34TH DISTRICT

SUITE 3400
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591
www.SenatorFasano.com

HARTFORD: (860) 240-8800
TOLL FREE: (800) 842-1421
FAX: (860) 240-8306
Len.Fasano@cga.ct.gov

**Testimony in Support of SB 506, AAC the
Designation of Drive-Only Licenses for Purposes of Voter Registration
Transportation Committee
Monday, February 9, 2015
10:30 PM in Room 1E of the LOB**

Good morning Chairman Maynard, Chairman Guerrero, Vice-Chairman Leone, Vice-Chairman Arce, Senator Boucher, Representative O'Dea and members of the Transportation Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 506 *AAC the Designation of Drive-Only Licenses for Purposes of Voter Registration*.

Protecting the integrity of our elections is paramount to having a well-functioning democracy. It is this overarching belief, coupled with some recent changes in our state that have led us to submitting this proposal.

Last year, the Secretary of the State (SOTS) made it possible for individuals to register to vote online with the use of their driver's license identification number. This year, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) began issuing drivers licenses to undocumented residents. While we are not making any conclusions about these two programs separately, we want to ensure that our elections are properly protected and those who are not entitled to vote are not being permitted to.

SB 506 would require the DMV to create a particular number or letter code that would be contained in the driver's license identification number. This is necessary so the SOTS could set their online registration system to automatically detect a license that has been issued to an undocumented resident and instantly deny their being placed on the state's registered voter list.

Requiring DMV to assign a special number code to a driver's license would not be a new requirement. They currently assign a special number to individuals that have previously had their license suspended for quick identification and a similar type code would be easy to implement to protect our voting registration system.

Thank you for the opportunity to share this testimony today. I would also like to inform you that Senator Kevin Witkos, Senate Minority Leader Pro Tempore, share my concerns and joins me in this testimony today.